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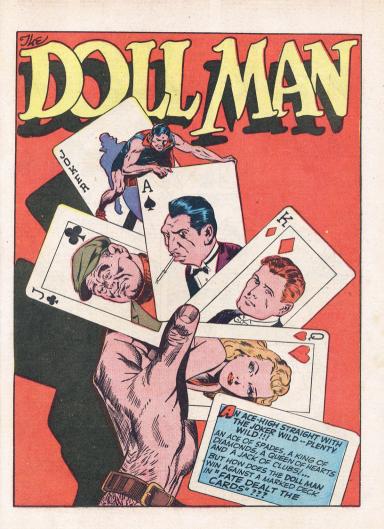


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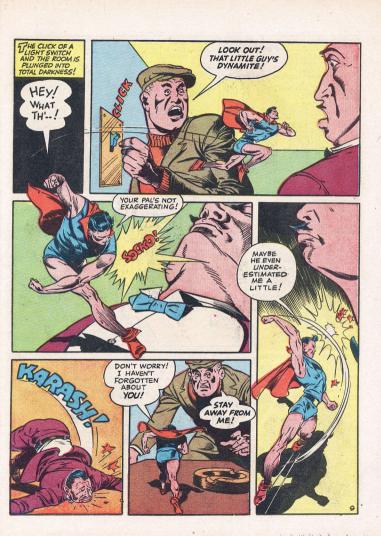








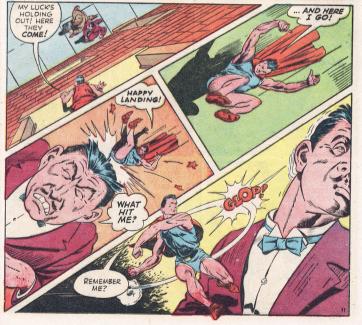










































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by GILL FOX

POISON'S DENTIST
HAS TO PULL A
TOOTH FROM A
GORILLA SENT
TO HIM BY THE ZOO.
HE'S ASKED POISON
TO COME OVER AND
HELP.WE FIND POISON
JUST ARRIVING AT
THE DOCTOR'S OFFICE







THAT KNUCKLE ANESTHERIC I GAVE HIM WILL HOLD I HIM FOR AWHILE. NOW RUN DOWNSTAIRS AND BORROW ALL THE TOOLS VA CAN FROM THOSE LABORERS WHO ARE FIXIN' THE STREET IN FRONT OF





















Y'SEE .. SANDRA'S
FATHER IS A SENATOR..
NOW A POWERFUL
GROUP OF SOME SORT
IS TRYING TO GET
"INSIDE INFORMATION"
FROM HIM!



BUT, OF COURSE, THE SEMATOR WON'T TAIL, SO THEY'VE THREATENED HIM AND THEY'VE TRIED TO KILL SANDED, SE SEVERAL THES AND FAILED. OF COURSE, THEY DIDN'T KNOW SANDRA IS THE PHANTOM LADY -- OR THEY NEVER WOULD HAVE TRIED!



LONG AGO!

YOU'VE GOT A

NOW CUT IT OUT, WILL YOU? WE'LL NEVER GET ANYTHING ACCOMPLISHED AS LONG AS YOU TWO ARE GOING TO SET IN EACH OTHER'S HAIR EVERY FIVE MINUTES!



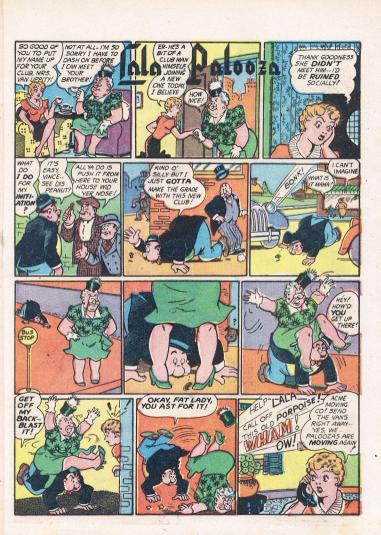






















CAPTING SFIAM





































A DOOR IS SLOWLY OPENED, A BLOOD-DRENCHED HAND LEVELS A WAVERING AUTOMATIC



QUICK! PUT UP YOUR HANDS! I MUST HAVE A PLACE TO HIDE! THE COPS ARE AFTER ME! THEY DON'T BELIEVE IN GHOSTS ---



THE BLUNDERING FOOLS
DON'T UNDERSTAND, SO I,
STERLING GATE, THE FINANCIER,
AM BEING HUNTED AS A
MURDERER!















WELL, LAST YEAR, MARTIN BRAND, OUR PRESIDENT, SUDDENLY DIED: THE MEMBERS DECIDED TO TRY TO MAKE CONTACT WITH HIS SPIRIT - SINCE WE WERE ALL OLD --AND CURIOUS ABOUT OUR OWN NEARING DEATHS!



WE TRIED AND TRIED --BUT ALWAYS WE FAILED!
THAT IS, UNTIL THE DAY
JOHN PELVIN -- OUR
FINANCIAL SECRETARY -ARRIVED AT A MEETING
AND BREATHLESSIY
TOLD US HE'D BEEN

TOLDUS HETO BEEN SUCCESSFUL ...





























YOU -- HAVE -- DARED -- TO --RREAK -- MY -- SLEEP -- 1 YOU WISH -- TO -- KNOW -- OF --DEATH -- ? I -- SHALL TEACH -- YOU -- OF -- DEATH







BEG PARDON! -BUT YOU SHALL FEEL A STING - FROM MY DISINTEGRATO GO













... AND ANOTHER THING... I DON'T WANT ANYMORE BEEFING ABOUT
THE TUNES I SELECT!
WHETHER YOU THINK
THE MUSIC IS APPROPRIATE
OR NOT, YOU'LL PLAY
WHAT J TELL YOU!!
THAN'S ALL-



GOSH, BONNIE! I CAN'T
WHAT'S GOTTEN UNDERSTAND
INTO SWING? IT, TOBY!
I'VE NEVER WHY, HE
SEEN HIM DOESN'T ACT
ACT SO LIKE THE
GROUCHY! SAME PERSON!









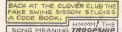












SONG MEANING TROOPSHIP IS "RED SAILS IN THE SUNSET". WE'LL PLAY THAT FIRST, AND THE SHIP LEAVES AT 8:00 O'CLOCK, ... SO OUR SECOND TUNE WILL BE "GOTTA DATE, AT EIGHT".



HA-HA-HA! THIS IS PRETTY CLEVER BUT WITH THESE OUT-OF-DATE TUNES WE'RE PLAYING, THIS BAND WILL SOON BE KNOWN AS







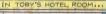
I HEARD ALL THAT, TOBY, AND I'M SICK OF HEARINS YOU TRY TO STIR UP TROUBLE! WELL, IT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS HOW I RUN THINGS...ONE MORE WORD OUTTA YOU AND... BUT, SWING... IT'S TRUE. YOU JUST...



THAT'LL BE ENOUGH! YOU'RE THROUGH! AFTER THE BROAD-CAST TONIGHT YOU CAN GET YOUR STUFF AND CLEAR OUT!!



SWING, MYPAL, HIT ME! AFTER ALL WE'VE BEEN THROUGH "AFTER ALL THE THUGS WE'VE TOGETHER..." AND NOW IM FIRED.!!!



IF THAT'S THE WAY HE FEELS, I'LL LEAVE RIGHT AFTER THE BROADCAST, MY OLD PAL...I'D NEVER HAVE BELIEVED IT!!











FOR HOURS SWING HANGS, STRUGGLING AS THE MOUNTAIN WATER TRICKLES OVER HIS BONDS....









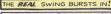




TWENTY-FIVE MINUTES ELAPSE

LAST TUNE ON THE PROGRAM
... A VOCAL BY BONNIE
BAXTER! THE BAND
PLAYS "GET OUT
OF TOWN".







HEY! I'M SEEIN' DOUBLE! NO, WAIT! THIS MUST REALLY BE **SWING**...AND THE OTHER'S A **FAKE!**!









FOLKS, YOU'RE LISTENING TO A
DISCRIPTION OF THE STRANGEST
FIGHT IN HISTORY' SWING LANDS
ANOTHER BLOW TO THE HEAD BUT
RECEIVES AN UPPERCUT FROM SWING,
SWING HITS...I MEAN SWING /S HIT...
I MEAN..."



















AND THIS STORY IS

MATCH FOR SWING SISSON NEXT MONTH WHEN YVONNE, THE BEAUTIFUL GIRL GANGSTER, RETURNS WITH A NEW RING OF ROGUES!

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THEHAUNTED HOUSE

TWO MILES outside the city limits the Bascom House stood in a litter of weeds and untrimmed apple trees. It was a garish example of the architect's art-three stories of eve-hurting ugliness: a slate roof covering some fifteen enormous rooms. Below these a dank basement with hins and coal chutes served as a playground for huge rats.

Immediately behind the house, on a slight rise, was the ancient Bascom cemetery. where every last one of the strange family lay moulding under moss-covered headstones. Just when the Bascom House had been built, nobody in the town knew; but it was more than a hundred years old, and it had a dark history.

Elias Bascom had built his fortune with hides, which he exported to Europe. He had drowned, after toppling into the uncovered well near the house. some time about 1860. Benjamin, his eldest son, had been shot in a duel twenty years later. Another brother, Henry, had been stabbed to death by a prowler in his bedroom, and his body lay with the rest in the old gravevard.

There had been two sisters-Elissa and Amanda. The former had gone insane when only fifteen and had been shut up in her room for thirty years, a howling creature more animal than human. Amanda drank poison after being jilted in love.

There had been no children by any of these Bascoms, so that when the last one died, the family clan died out. Where the estate went to, nobody knew. The old house just stood there, a horrible reminder of a tragic family, and rotted in the elements.

It is natural to assume then that the Bascom House was "beunted." A lonely road pass-

ed it about a quarter-mile away. But nobody ever visited the place. Everybody feared it somehow. There had been strange things seen and heard about the place: flickering lights in the paneless windows on stormy nights; shriekings and gurgling groans emanating from the dank cellar on dark evenings.

So every resident of the town gave it wide berth. Everyone said it was "haunted."

It was to this weird house that Dr. Roberts, famous scientist, and his daughter. Martha. came one summer evening on a tour of inspection, Dr. Roberts wanted an isolated place to conduct some secret experimentation for the Government, and the Bascom House looked like just the ticket.

"What do you think, Martha?" he said to his daughter. "Pretty spooky looking place, isn't it?"

Martha shivered. "Gives me the creeps just to look at it. Dad." "But it should be fine for

my purpose, honey. Certainly nobody will bother me here. And then Darrell will be out often to see you."

"Oh, don't worry about me, Dad. I'm not afraid of ghosts. I'd rather like to see one of these shades of the old Bascoms.

The next day Dr. Roberts had a large van move his equipment into the house, in one of the upstairs rooms, and quickly he set up his laboratory. Two other rooms adjoining he had cleaned up for Martha and himself. He had to hire help from another city to do the work: nobody in the town would venture near the place.

Darrell Dane, young scientist of note, and a clever criminolo-

gist on the side, was studying an oblong of green paper under a powerful microscope. He had been studying such oblongs for several days, trying to make up his mind about them. This one was different from the others, of that he was certain. The silk threads were curled in an opposite manner, and the serial numbers were not the same distance from the margins.

"Phoney, all right, Chief," he said after a long hesitation. "At least this one is." He held out the strip of green paper, which happened to be a ten-dollar

bill.

Chief Eckert took the bill and looked at it closely. He shook his head. "I don't know, Darrell. I tell you government experts are stumped-But you say it is phoney; that's good enough for me. Now, where's it coming from?"

That question had been puzzling FBI officials for months. A terrific deluge of counterfeit currency in large denomination notes. Almost every suspect in the nation had been rounded up -and turned loose. Several small counterfeiters had been grabbed and sent up. But none of these were capable of turning out such "authentic" looking phoneys as were now appearing everywhere.

"If we just knew where to start out," said the chief. "I have the feeling the plant is not far away-not in Mexico.

or Canada-"

"No. It's right in this state. Chief. These notes are too fresh to have been shipped far-even by plane. I've tested the colors on that one; they're not more than ten hours old."

The chief said, "I don't remember counterfeiters operating in Maine before."

"That's all the more reason why they should pick Maine,"

Darrell told him, "Well, I'm going to see if we can't work out a scheme to trap 'em."

Dr Roberts worked late in his lab that first night. At two o'clock he turned in. At about three, Martha awakened. Something - some sound - had brought her out of a heavy sleep. She sat up in bed. Pale moonlight streamed in the window. A bat flickered across the panes and at last lit on the ledge, clicking its teeth. Martha shivered.

Then the sound came again. A low rumbling, like a heavy wagon being drawn over cobblestones. The sound made the old house vibrate slightly. Marthe slid out of bed, crossed the room and opened the door to her father's room.

"Dad!" she whispered. "Dad, wake up!"

Dr. Roberts stirred. "What

is it, child? "Listen." They both held their breath. There was no sound. Martha related the hanpening. Dr. Roberts chuckled

softly. "Imagination, Martha. This is a 'haunted' house, vou remember. Now go back to sleep,

honev.

Martha returned to her room, but she didn't go to bed. Intuition. She walked out into the long hall and listened. They had explored all the rooms the day before; there was nothing in them. Martha had reached the end of the hall when a slight clicking sound made her whirl. Something closed over her throat and her head was muffled in a dark cloak. She tried to scream, but the band about her neck shut off her wind. She was lifted, carried a long ways.

"Now you," said a gruff voice. The cover was yanked off her head. Martha stood in a large cavern. Her captor was a burly fellow with an evil face. She saw two men working at a brilliantly lighted bench-and stacks of green paper were piled at one end of the bench. A small printing machine was in operation.

"W-where am I?" she quavered. She drew the flimsy negligee about her. Her captor grinned

"Baby, don't worry where you are. You'll never leave it again -not while Slack Harlan is runnin' this little business!" The man reached out for her and Martha screamed.

Darrell had made the rounds of the printing ink supply houses. At last, in Massachusetts, he had run into the one he thought might be supplying the counterfeiters with ink. In the guise of a salesman, he got into the back of the establishment and it was not long before he found a large crate of green ink that was marked for shipment to "Gravesport, Maine."

'That's it," he said to himself. "Now we'll see what we'll see." Looking around quickly, he then made a strange and startling transformation . . .

A half hour later the crate of ink was aboard a transport plane flying north. And that evening, a small truck hauled it out to a deserted house on the outskirts of town. Backing up to a clump of bushes two hundred yards in back of the house, the crate was unloaded and carried down a dark tunnel . . .

Dr. Roberts got up early and tapped on his daughter's door. No answer. He opened it and stepped inside. Martha was gone!

"Martha! Martha!" called the doctor frantically.

What puzzled the doctor most was the fact that Martha had worn no clothes; only a negligee. He knew that by looking in the closet.

Beside himself with worry. he rushed into town and called Darrell Dane's office. He was informed that Darrell had been absent all day and night . . .

Before the crate of ink had been placed on the floor of the cavern, a tiny figure hardly a foot in height had leaped from it and dashed to a dark corner. The Doll Man!

In a single glance he took in the whole thing: the counterfeiting machine, the greenbacks, the engraving slab and, huddled in a corner across the cavern, Martha! The Doll Man whipped a tiny vial out of his belt and crashed it on the floor. Thin vapors writhed upward. He held his breath and watched the three counterfeiters topple to the floor. Martha too, wide eves staring at him, crumpled in a stupor, brought on by the quick-acting gas in the vial.

Then the Doll Man made a rapid transformation. Once again he was Darrell Dane. He tied up the counterfeiters and then gathered Martha up in his arms. There was an open door at one side of the cavern. He strode to it and up a rickety flight of stairs, Martha limp in

his arms

At the top he found a catch and a moment later a panel slid back, revealing a long hall. Dr. Roberts was pacing the hall in a frenzy. He looked at Darrell like he had seen a ghost. "Martha!" he cried. "Dar-

rell!" He rushed forward.

"She's all right. Got a whiff of gas," said Darrell. He laid Martha in the doctor's arms and turned to the open panel. There was sound below. Darrell nod-

"I guess the boys are stirring. I'll have to dash to town and phone the FBI and Chief Eckert," he said. Then he told Dr. Roberts what had happened.

Martha stirred and opened her eyes. She looked at Darrell. "Oh, Darrell, the most awful-

Darrell patted her golden head. "It's all right, Martha," he said soothingly. "I got 'em."
"But Darrell," she said, "I
don't understand. The Doll Man

suddenly appeared and threw a glass vial to the floor. That's when I passed out." Darrell grinned and winked

at Dr. Roberts.

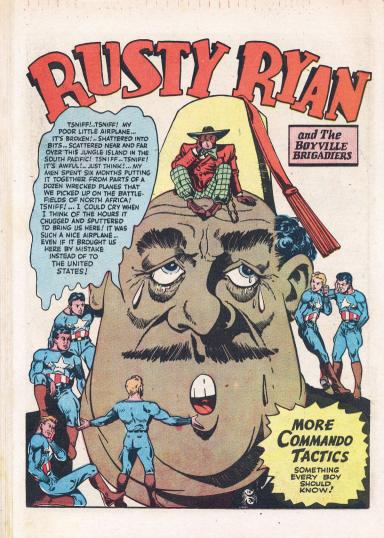
"That's when I came in." said he.













































THAT'S "STUMPY"!

-- AND WE'LL SEE MORE OF HIM NEXT MONTH

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